Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity).—

(*a*) (i) Firewood 9,000 tonnes p. a.

(ii) Charocal 46,666 tonnes p. a.

(*b*) (i) Firewood Rs. 36.72 per tonne.

(ii) Charocal Rs. 176.70 per tonne on the basis of current tendered rates.

(*c*) Coke is being used in the Electric Pig Iron Furnaces. Lignite cannot be used in the Electric Pig Iron Furnaces, Ferro alloy furnaces on Technical and economic grounds. Coke also cannot be used on similar grounds in Ferro alloy Furnaces.

Replacement of firewood either by lignite or coke for use in Boilers, Drying Ovens, etc., is not economical and further, coke or lignite cannot be used in all the places where firewood is used due to technological reasons.

(*d*) Coke has been used in Blast Furnace replacing charcoal to an extent of 50 per cent. Higher proportion of coke, over and above 50 per cent leads to furnace troubles bringing down the production and is, therefore, not economical. Further, as the Blast Furnace is designed for charcoal, use of coke in higher proportion would be disastrous even leading to the shut-down of the furnace. Lignite has been tried in the Electric Pig Iron Furnaces and the sulphur content of the Pig Iron goes up rendering the same unsuitable for the manufacture of Alloy Steels. Secondly, the furnace cannot be run at full load, which will result in bringing down the production. Operation troubles also accrue due to less penetration of electrodes as lignite has less resistance at higher temperatures.

Stage Carriage Permits

20. Sri G. V. ANJANAPPA (Graduates' Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of stage carriage permits granted by the R. T. A., Chitradurga since one year (the names of the applicants with the routes, the mileage be furnished);

(*b*) the grounds on which the permits are granted?

Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport).—

(*a*) Seven permits have been granted during the period from June 1968 to the end of July 1969. The particulars of the applicants, etc., are furnished in the statement appended.

(SRI MOHAMED ALI)

(*b*) In the interest of the travelling public.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the applicant	Route	Mileage
1	2	3	4
			Miles
1	Sri K. Rangappa, Proprietor, Jayapadma Motor Service, Chitradurga.	Spare Bus permit to use all pucca permits (valid) routes owned by the holder.	...
2	Sri D. Veerabhadrappa, Prop., Shankar Express, Chitradurga.	Chitradurga to Davangere and back *via* Katral, Ialagodu, Bidrakere to touch Toranagatte on both up and down journeys Jagalur-Bilichodu and Anaji (daily one round trip).	70
3	Sri B. M. Gurappa, Prop., Mruthyunjaya Motor Service, Molakalmuru.	Chikkajajur to Molakalmuru and back *via* B-durga Sasalu, Sirigere, Sirigere cross (in the main road) Bbaramasagara- Bidarakere, Jagalur-Donehally -Mustur-Naikanahatty, Mustalagummi, Surammanahalli, B.G. Kere and Kondlahalli (daily 1 R. T.)	90
4	Sri D. M. Thippeswamy, Prop., Karnataka Motor Service, Chitradurga.	Tiptur to Chitradurga and back *via* Halkurke, Mathigatta, Lakshmipura, Huliyar, Yalanadu, Srirampura, Nerlakere, Somasandra, Hosadurga, Janakal and Shivaganga (daily one round trip).	90

1	2	3	4
			Miles
5	Sri G. Veeranna, Prop., Basaveshwara Motor Service, V. P.Extension, Davangere.	Chitradurga to Tiptur and back *via* Shivaganga, Talya, Janakal, Hosadurga, Ellodu, Somasandra, Nerlakere, Srirampura, Yelanadu, Huliyar, Lakshmipura, Mathigatta and Halukurke (daily one round trip).	87
6	Sri G. Srikantan, Prop., Mahabaleshwara Motor Service, Challakere.	Dharmapura to Chitradurga and back *via* Khandenahally, Doddachelur, Parasurampura, Puralehalli, Dodderi, Challakere, Sanikere, Sondekere, J.N. Kote, D. S. Hally and Kurubarahalli (daily one round trip).	67
7	Sri Nagendrappa Ladwa, Prop., Hanuman Motor Service, Harihar.	Davangere to Harihar *via* Kakkaragolla, Khandajji Kurubarahalli, Kariahalli (daly six round trips).	15

Tourist Canteen at Hampi

22. **Sri G. V. ANJANAPPA** (Graduates' Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a Tourist Canteen is constructed at Hampi to facilitate the tourists to provide food, refreshments ;

(*b*) the cost of the building and the maintenance charges ;

(*c*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that no refreshments are served there due to bad management ;

(*d*) steps taken by the Department to run it efficiently so as to provide food, drinks to the tourists at all times ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport).—

(*a*) A tourist Canteen is located at Hampi where refreshments are provided to tourists on demand.

(*b*) The building was constructed by Central Government and the same has been handed over to the State Tourist Department. A sum of Rs. 3,000 has so far been incurred for repairs and replacements in the building. A sum of Rs. 500 has been provided as imprest amount.